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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
GROUP 2853  
PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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Hidetoshi, KODAMA, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/750,963

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Examiner: Ly T. TRAN

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For: INK-JET RECORDING APPARATUS AND RECORDING METHOD THEREFOR

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 1, 2006, please consider the remarks as submitted herewith on the accompanying pages.

**REMARKS**

Claims 33-42 have been examined. Claims 33, 34, 37, 38, 41 and 42 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) and claim 35 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). Also, the Examiner has indicated that claim 36 is allowed.

**I. Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) in view of JP 3-49236 to Ikeda ("Ikeda")**

The Examiner has rejected claims 33, 34, 37, 38, 41 and 42 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by Ikeda.